



Military Appreciation Breakfast

November 11, 2021

Breakfast Served Buffet

Welcome Dr. Brent Gregory
President, ECCC

Invocation Staff Sergeant George Heath
Training NCO and Pastor, Lawrence Baptist Church

Posting of the Colors 1-204th Air Defense Artillery
Mississippi Army National Guard Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance Dr. Randall Lee

National Anthem Vocé
Under the Direction of Lucus Orndorff
Choral/Voice Music Instructor, ECCC

Taps LaDarrien Paten
Wall O' Sound Band Member

Introduction of Guest Speaker Dr. Randall Lee

Guest Speaker Lt. Col. David Alexander
Battalion Commander, 1-204th Air Defense Artillery
Mississippi Army National Guard

Closing Remarks Dr. Randall Lee



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Lt. Col. David Alexander

Lt. Col. David Alexander began his military career in April 1992 when he enlisted in the Mississippi Army National Guard as a Food Services Specialist in the 4/114th Field Artillery, Decatur, Miss.

After achieving the rank of Sergeant, he completed the Mississippi Military Academy's Officer Candidate School in June 2000 commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the 1st Battalion 204th Air Defense Artillery (1-204th ADA). He served in the Battalion from 2000-2012 in numerous roles to

include Platoon Leader, Battery Commander, Battalion Communications Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer, and began his full time AGR career in the 1-204th ADA in 2004.

From 2004-2012, Lt. Col. Alexander served as the 204th Battalion Training Officer; 2012-2013, he served as the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Program Manager and the State's Suicide Prevention Officer for Joint Force Headquarters. From 2013-2016, he was assigned and promoted to Major as the Range Control Officer for Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. And, from October 2016 to March 2019, he served as the 204th Battalion Executive Officer/Full Time Administrative Officer. In April 2019, he was assigned and promoted to his current full time position as the Deputy G1 for the Mississippi Army National Guard. In August of this year, he was selected to serve as Battalion Commander of the 1-204th Air Defense Artillery.

Lt. Col. Alexander mobilized in 2003-2004 and 2008-2009 with the 204th ADA in support of Operation Noble Eagle in Washington, D.C., and again in 2011 in support of Operation New Dawn in Iraq.

He is a 1995 graduate of East Central Community College and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Medicine with an emphasis in Exercise Science.

Lt. Col. Alexander has received numerous awards and decorations throughout his 29 years of service to include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, among many others.

He and his family own and operate MilDawg Strength and Conditioning gym in Philadelphia, Miss. The gym is named after his best friend and fellow ECCC alum Millard "Bud" Henley who passed away in June 2010.

Lt. Col. Alexander and his wife, Robin, live in Philadelphia with their three children, Josh, Molli, and Grace, along with their dog Kota and cat Smokey.